

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic data processing method for use by an investment entity for allocating payments to each respective one of a plurality of investor accounts comprising:

- (a) defining a plurality of investor accounts in at least one electronic database;
- (b) transferring an initial monetary amount from each of a plurality of investors to said investment entity;
- (c) associating said initial amount from each of said plurality of investors with a respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one electronic database;
- (d) identifying the initial ownership of a patent in the at least one electronic database;
- (e) using at least one algorithm for assessing a value of the patent, and entering the assessed value of the patent in the at least one electronic database;
- (f) paying a monetary amount from said investment entity to said initial ownership of said patent upon transfer of title to a subsequent owner other than the original initial owner;
- (g) granting at least one right under the patent to said initial owner of said patent;
- (h) obtaining at least one payment from an initial user of said patent; and
- (i) allocating said at least one payment from said initial user to each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one electronic database.

2. (Currently Amended) An electronic data processing method for use by an investment entity for allocating revenue to each respective one of a plurality of investor accounts comprising:

- (a) identify a patent covering an invention in use by at least an initial user;
- (b) identifying an initial ownership of the patent;
- (c) using at least one algorithm for assessing a value of the patent based, at least in part, on anticipated future use of the patent by the initial user and entering the assessed value of the patent in at least one electronic database;

- (d) — using at least one algorithm for determining a cash flow stream containing at least one payment related to the assessed value of the patent;
- (e) — paying, in at least one payment to said initial ownership, an amount related to the assessed value of the patent in the electronic database in exchange for transfer of title to said patent to a subsequent owner other than the initial ownership;
- (f) — obtaining the amount paid for transfer of title from a plurality of investor accounts;
- (g) — associating with each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one electronic database the proportion of the amount paid to the initial owner that came from each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts;
- (h) — granting a license to said initial user for the use of said patent from said subsequent owner in exchange for an agreement by said initial user to make at least one payment to the investment entity related to the assessed value of the patent at a specified time after the payment is made to transfer title;
- (i) — collecting at least one payment from said initial user said payment being entered into the at least one electronic database; and
- (j) — using at least one algorithm for allocating to each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one electronic database a portion of said at least one payment from said initial user related to the proportion of the payment to the initial ownership from each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts.

3. (Currently Amended) An electronic data processing method for use by an investment entity for allocating revenue to the accounts of each respective one of a plurality of accounts comprising:

- (a) — identifying a patent;
- (b) — identifying an original ownership of the patent;
- (c) — using at least one algorithm for assessing a value of the patent and entering the assessed value of the patent in at least one electronic database;
- (d) — using at least one algorithm for determining a future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent before the time title to the patent is acquired from the original ownership;

- (e) — obtaining title to the patent for a subsequent owner in exchange for paying not more than the assessed value of the patent to the original ownership;
- <e1> — allocating said payment to the original ownership to a plurality of investor accounts in the at least one electronic database;
- <e2> — associating with each account in the at least one electronic database the percentage of the payment allocated to the original ownership from that account;
- (f) — granting a license to at least the original ownership to use the patent in exchange for an agreement to pay the future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent;
- (g) — collecting at least one payment from at least said original ownership related to said future cash flow stream; and
- (h) — allocating said at least one payment from at least said original ownership to each respective one of said investor accounts in the at least one electronic database in relation to the percentage of payment allocated to the original ownership from that account.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising repeating steps d through i for additional patents.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2 further comprising repeating steps a through j for additional patents.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3 further comprising repeating steps a through h for additional patents.